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### **NATIONAL EGG REVIEW**

At the beginning of the week prices were higher on all sizes in all locations except in New York where prices were unchanged. As the week progressed, prices were higher in New York and unchanged elsewhere. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were tight to fully sufficient. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was light while offerings remain tight to adequate. Inbound shipments of breaking stock were light as most breakers worked from current inventories. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged to slightly lower. Demand was fair to good with adequate offerings. Schedules were full-time. Trade was sentiment steady. Removal costs were 4.5 to 9, mostly 5 to 9 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent higher for large and medium and were unchanged for small. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady with the larger sizes in the better position. Retail demand was usually light to at times fairly good. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were reported as at times tight to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet for the tight to adequate offerings. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	84-93	87-90
LARGE	83-92	85-88
MEDIUM	65-74	67-70

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV,

Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were light but about sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91-105	94-97
LARGE	86-100	91-95
MEDIUM	68-81	73-75

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY,

PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

### COMBINED REGIONAL FEB 23, 2007

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

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REGIONS	<b>EX LARGE</b>	LARGE	MEDIUM				
NORTHEAST	89.50	87.00	69.00				
SOUTHEAST	88.50	86.50	69.00				
MIDWEST	83.50	81.50	63.50				
SOUTH CENTRAL	89.50	88.50	69.50				
COMBINED REGIONAL	87.80	85.97	67.80				

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

<u>IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN</u> PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	02-27-07	02-20-07	02-28-06
Large	64-74	60-69	30-39
Medium	47-53	42-48	18-24

### WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- FEB 26, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			North	South	South		5-Area
	Nort	heast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.6	23.5	9.5	10.2	16.5	68.3
	Change	0.4	0.4	0.0	-0.9	1.2	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.1	44.4	19.0	22.5	44.3	152.3
	Change	-0.4	-1.3	1.8	-0.3	0.0	0%
Large	Curr Wk	33.4	112.2	90.1	104.9	133.6	474.2
	Change	-1.3	1.9	-6.5	-1.2	6.4	0%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.5	50.3	18.7	20.8	38.7	140.0
	Change	0.3	5.0	1.4	-2.5	5.1	7%
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	9.5	4.9	2.8	5.5	27.6
	Change	0.1	0.7	0.3	-1.3	0.0	-1%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.2	21.2	6.7	8.9	6.0	45.0
	Change	-0.5	0.1	-1.4	-3.7	-0.2	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.5	73.1	16.8	29.9	28.6	160.9
	Change	-5.1	4.3	-4.6	2.8	2.2	0%
Total	Curr Wk	95.2	334.2	165.7	200.0	273.2	1068.3
Percent	Change	-6%	3%	-5%	-3%	6%	0%

TOTAL N	umber of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1068.3	0%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	k 267.8	1%	33
Total Shell Egg	1336.1	0%	190

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 157 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

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# EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 24-FEB-07

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	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)										
	(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)										
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	_	ASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED				
	BR	OKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK						
CW	1,24	3,214	30,911	11,716	6,095	2,651	4,185				
PW	1,20	6,613	30,642	10,930	5,839	2,504	4,199				
LY	1,27	4,693	32,252	11,498	6,164	2,902	4,387				
% Chg	PWK	3%	1%	7%	4%	6%	0%				
% Chg	LY	-2%	-4%	2%	-1%	-9%	-5%				
2007	9,54	5,298	237,871	88,359	47,198	19,795	33,452				
2006	10,25	0,897	249,097	97,914	53,988	25,536	35,121				
% Chg	YTD	-7%	-5%	-10%	-13%	-22%	-5%				

	Current	Previous	Last
Average Yield Per Case -	Week	Week	Year
(Inedible Included)	42.56	42.77	42.60
(Inedible Excluded)	39.19	39.29	39.16

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE			
	Cases % of Total	Lbs. % of Total			
CURRENT WEEK	576,025 46.3%	16,225 52.5%			
PREVIOUS WEEK	579,389 48.0%	15,731 51.3%			
LAST YEAR	588,586 46.1%	16,026 49.7%			

**Broiler Chicks Placed** 

# BROILER HATCHERY Broiler Eggs Set in

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	19 Selected States		in 19 Sele	cted States
STATE	FEB 17	FEB 24	FEB 17	FEB 24
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AL	*30,912	30,755	*20,150	20,616
AR	27,995	27,708	*24,192	22,970
DE	3,993	3,994	5,643	4,190
FL	1,362	1,365	*1,595	1,592
GA	35,777	35,637	*28,819	28,676
KY	*7,592	7,607	*6,277	5,891
LA	3,833	3,802	3,597	3,592
MD	8,822	8,743	5,185	5,778
MS	19,195	19,044	16,907	16,956
NC	19,072	18,708	15,834	15,494
OK	*6,526	6,542	*4,667	5,304
PA	*3,929	3,831	*2,731	2,915
SC	5,499	5,446	4,165	4,306
TX	14,660	14,617	11,551	11,966
<b>V</b> A	6,116	6,179	*4,725	4,963
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,661	19,569	*15,685	16,906
19 State Total	*214,944	213,547	171,723	172,115
Previous Year Total	215,181	216,954	174,381	173,142
Pct. of Prev. Year * Revised	100	98	98	99

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 07-Apr-07 is estimated at 158.2 million head. This compares to 157.7 million head the previous week and to 163.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 58.92 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/22/07-02/28/07

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	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
	GNR W 1	69.83	_	70.25	72.50	_	69.00	18.00
	GNR W 2	_	71.25	68.50	70.00	_	_	3.00
	GNR BR 1	_	_	_	_	_	_	2.00
	GL W XL	_	93.30	82.58	86.89	79.36	_	26.25
	GL W LG	82.00	89.17	80.33	82.81	75.44	78.00	36.75
	GL W MD	67.22	_	61.03	63.36	57.46	_	15.75
	GLWSM	_	_	58.00	60.00	52.00	54.00	1.50
	GL BR J	_	_	_	_	99.00	_	.25
	GL BR XL	_	_	_	_	96.00	_	1.25
	GL BR LG	_	_	_	_	106.33	_	2.50
	NRBS - 50	_	_	_	55.00	_	_	.25
	NRBS - 48	_	_	_	53.00	54.00	55.20	11.25
	NRBS - 45	_	_	_	53.00	_	_	.25
	NRBS - 42	_	_	_	_	_	48.40	7.00
	NRBS - 36	_	_	35.25	37.00	_	_	.25

#### MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 24-FEB-2007 **SELECTED** CW PW **PCT CHG CONSUMING CENTERS THOUSANDS** PW ΙY Atlanta 30.5 28.0 9 10 0 Boston 3.2 3.2 7 Chicago 51.7 54.5 -5 -35 Detroit 16.3 17.4 -6 Kansas City -9 4.0 4.4 Los Angeles 104.4 100.1 4 -14 New Orleans 5.5 5.4 2 -8 New York 27.0 27.9 -3 -14 St. Louis 16 -26 15.4 13.3 San Francisco 17.9 17.6 2 -6 2 Total 275.9 271.8 -16 4 Week Moving Avg. 267.2

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 24-FEB-07								
	YO	YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL			
	HENS	TOMS	BREED	DERS	<b>TURKEYS</b>			
		THOU	SANDS					
Head	1,915	2,566	7	5	4,493			
Avg Wt	17.06	38.34	20.01	29.90	29.23			
Last week	1,907	2,464	16	0	4,387			
Same wk yr ago	1,691	2,404	34	0	4,129			
Avg Wt	16.74	38.66	25.04	0.00	29.57			
To-date/2007	14,236	19,855	101	28	34,220			
To-date/2006	12,656	19,600	162	30	32,448			

# NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS Week ending 24-FEB-07

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

	YOUNG 1	<b>TURKEY</b>	S	OLD	TOTAL	TURKEYS
THO	USAND	PCT CH	G AVG	BANDED		AVG
	HEAD F	PW L	IVE WTT	HOUSAND H	IEAD LI\	/E WT
North East	741	11	24.48	(A)	742	24.48
South Atlanti	c 711	9	33.74	(A)	712	33.74
North Centra	al 2,094	-2	33.47	(A)	2,095	33.47
South Centr	al 713	4	17.56	(A)	714	17.56
West	229	-9	27.60	(A)	230	27.60
U.S. total	4,488	(B) 2	29.23	5	4,493	29.23
To-date						
2007	34,192	(B)		28	34,220	
To-date						
2006	32,418	(B)		30	32,448	
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- (A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 7,000; for the current year to date 101,000; for last year to date 162,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)						
W/E 24-Feb-200	7 YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL		
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS	
THOUSANDS						
Head	159,231	1,142	1,427	2,569	515	
Avg Wt	5.21	3.29	7.92	5.86	6.79	
Last week	158,852	1,105	1,327	2,432	490	
Same wk yr ago	158,438	1,054	1,516	2,570	544	
Avg Wt	5.48	3.27	7.63	5.84	6.58	
To-date/2007	1,236,197	8,735	10,902	19,637	4,114	
To-date/2006	1,283,395	10,442	11,109	21,551	4,003	

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.2 million head, or 0.8 million less than estimated

# ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Mar-07

	CW - 03/03/07(1)	PW - 02/24/07
CLASS	THOUSAND HE	AD
Broiler/fryer	161,688(2)	158,966
Light hens	1,147	1,252
Heavy hens	1,409	1,406
Total	164,244	161,624
(1)ESTIMATE	D	

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Mar-07 is 161.8 million head compared to 160.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.0 million head or 0.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 10-Mar-07 the estimated available is 162.0 million head.

### ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

		<b>MILLION HEAD</b>	<b>MILLION HEAD</b>		AVG
WEEKEND	ING	SLAUGHTERED	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	PCT	WT
January	20	152.2	159.8	95%	5.43
	27	161.8	161.9	100%	5.33
February	3	157.5	162.8	97%	5.37
	10	159.4	160.9	99%	5.35
	17	160.8	160.7	100%	5.40
	24	161.2	162.0	100%	5.21
Year to dat	е	1251.2	1273.5	98%	
March	3		161.8		
	10		162.0		

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER** Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of: 26-FEB-2007 (cents per lb)

U.S. GRADE A				C	OMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	73.00-76.00	75.61	36	:	76.97	62
Los Angeles	82.00	82.30	64	:	86.18	154
New York	76.00-79.00	78.00	22	:	75.58	52

COMPOSITE V	COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS					
	Chang	je from				
26-FEB-2007	19-FE	3-2007	19-FEB-2007	27-FEB-2006		
80.01		1.80	78.21	62.94		
NUMBER OF L	OADS	583				
MONTHLY						
	WTD	AVG	LOADS			
February	75.89		2.130.60			

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			WTD	LBS
8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-

- 1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.
- 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.
- 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.
- 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.
- 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

# <u>COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -</u> Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks)

	Fro	zen Eggs/LBS (THOL	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	02/26/07	3,321	68,283	54,301
AM	02/01/07	3,281	53,819	56,977
CHG		40	14464	-2676
PCT C	CHG	1%	27%	-5%

#### HEN MARKETS HEAVY TYPE

(7 pounds and up)\* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 26-FEB-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	4-9 CENTS/LB.		6.64
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	3.75-9.5 CENTS/LB.		6.59
(1) At Farm Buyer	Loading (2) At Farm Pro	ducer Loading	
*Weights under 7	lbs. subject to discount.		

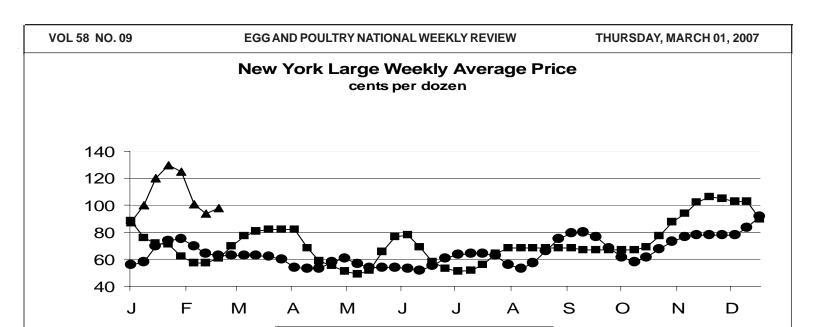
#### **LIGHTTYPE**

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 23-FEB-07

	REMOVAL COST			
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY		
Eastern	4-12	8-10		
South Central	Too Few To Report			
North Central	4.5-9	5-9		

COMMERCIAL EGG	<b>MOVEMENT</b>	(Receipts From Producers)		
W/E 24-Feb-2007	CASES	PERCENT CH	IANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY	
North Atlantic	173.7	0	-12	
East North Central	652.3	1	2	
West North Central	278.6	1	-4	
South Atlantic	196.8	1	2	
South Central	68.3	16	-2	
West	197.8	2	1	
Total	1567.5	2	-1	
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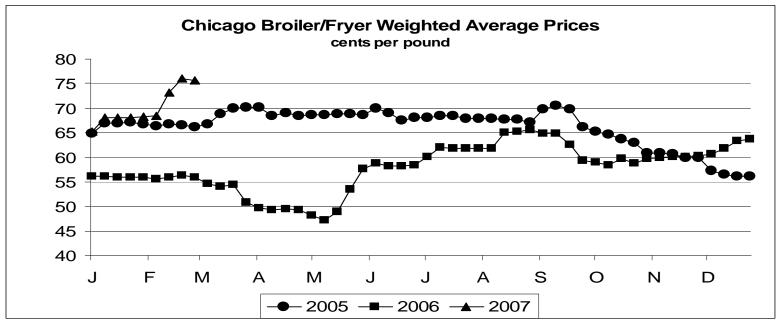
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE) East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD) South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK) West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

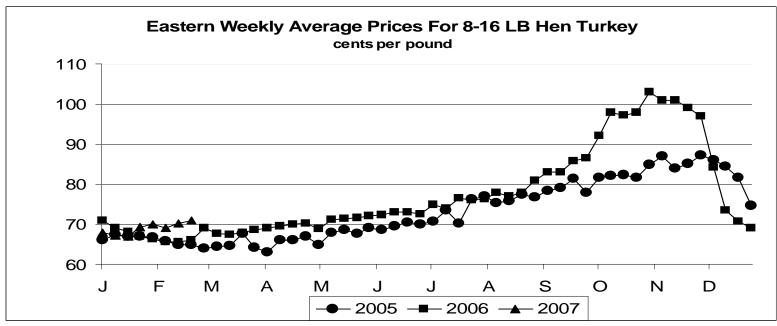


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